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#### Thursday, March 8

All Day

Registration

The Colonial Lounge

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Reception

The Beach Club

6:00-6:10 p.m.

Introduction
Tully Friedman

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Welcome Arthur Brooks

6:10-7:30 p.m.

Dinner

7:45-8:45 p.m.

**Evening Conversation** 

Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister

**A Conversation with Steve Ballmer** 

Marc Thiessen (Moderator)

9:00-10:00 p.m.

Starlight Chats

The Cloister

A Conversation with Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta

John Bailey (Moderator)

A Conversation with Education Secretary Betsy DeVos

Jeb Bush (Moderator)

**How America Bounces Back** 

David Brooks

Introduction: Ramesh Ponnuru

Shuttles will run between The Cloister, Beach Club, and Ocean Villas every day between 6:45 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. For pickup from your room, dial x5701.

#### Friday, March 9

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Early Bird Breakfasts

Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister

**Local Government Policy Challenges** 

David Brooks (Moderator)

A Conversation with Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson

Robert Doar (Moderator)

**A Conversation with Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross** 

Michael Strain (Moderator)

Stan Veuger (Moderator)

8:45–10:15 a.m.

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Breakout Sessions

The Cloister

**Building Skills and the Middle Class** 

Alexander Acosta John Delaney Doug Ducey Joni Ernst David Perdue Todd Young Many are ready to abandon the "college for all" model of success in America. But technological progress and globalization are barriers to achieving a middle-class life without attending college. How can public policy help people build the 21st-century skills necessary to enter the middle class? How can policy encourage participation in the workforce more broadly? What are the barriers and opportunities? Members of Congress who are on the front lines of this discussion will explore these

issues and more.

#### The New Empire Builders: China, Iran, and Russia

Dan Blumenthal Mike Gallagher Michael Gove Gary Schmitt Niall Ferguson (Moderator) After World War II, there was the Cold War, then the unipolar US-led world. Now is the era of the rise of the revisionist powers—China, Iran, and Russia. Once great empires, these nations are led by imperial nostalgics bent not simply on accumulating power and wealth for themselves but also in changing the balance of power across the globe. Can they

succeed? They already are.



#### Who Escapes Poverty, Opioid Addiction, and Bad Neighborhoods?

Mike Lee Rob Portman Sally Satel J. D. Vance Robert Doar (Moderator)

Many large and small communities across the country struggle with poverty, drug abuse, deteriorating neighborhoods, and failing schools. Yet some people manage to escape those conditions and move up the American ladder of prosperity. How do they do it when so many others do not? What lessons can we learn for better culture and policy?

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

General Session The Cloister Ballroom

2017: The Best Year in Human History?

Elliott Abrams
Tyler Cowen
Nick Eberstadt
Phil Gramm
Glenn Hubbard
Sajid Javid
Frederick Kagan
Gene Sperling
J. D. Vance

Several narratives compete today about the state of the world. To believe the headlines is to believe that the world is on the brink of war and economic collapse and that misery is inexorably on the rise. Meanwhile, the numbers tell a different story: Fewer are hungry, fewer are dying of disease, literacy is on the upswing, more people are rising out of poverty, and there is more opportunity for all. At the same time, we see a menacing North Korea, waves of disease and famine across the Horn of Africa, and millions of refugees, more than at any time since

World War II. Is the world improving or getting worse?

Paul Gigot (Moderator)

12:15–1:30 p.m. Luncheon The Beach Club

A Conversation with House Speaker Paul Ryan

Arthur Brooks (Moderator)

2:00–3:15 p.m. Afternoon Sessions The Cloister

Erik Brynjolfsson

**Big Tech: Friend or Foe?** 

Bill Kristol
Eric Schmidt
Michael Strain
James Pethokoukis (Moderator)

Should we break up Big Tech? Have major tech firms become monopolies that require antitrust action? Have they become a threat to our culture, pushing young people out of the real world and into a virtual one? Are tech companies misusing brain science to hook you on their product? Is privacy dead, and are tech companies a threat to our democratical Chicago.

racy? Or is Big Tech one of the only bright spots in the US economy,

fueling a revolution that will make all people better off?

#### A Conversation with Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao

Karlyn Bowman (Moderator)

2:00–4:00 p.m. Afternoon Session Ocean Room, The Beach Club

Sci-Fi Weapons That Actually Exist Today: An Interactive Session on the Future of Warfare

Evan Hunt Aaron Martin Stephen Mueller Mark Mulaueen

Mark Mulqueen Mackenzie Eaglen (Moderator) Gary Schmitt (Moderator) Lasers, artificial intelligence, sound waves, and directed energy: the future? The latest Terminator flick? Nope. These are the weapons of today. Join us to talk about how cutting-edge weaponry works, learn what it can do, and see the future of warfare. This is a show-and-tell session that your second-grade teacher could never have imagined. Participants will gain hands-on experience with some of the newest defense technology, including the opportunity to test out Lockheed Martin's F-35 Joint Strike Fighter jet simulator and learn how to fly one of the most advanced planes in the US military. Experts from Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, and Raytheon will be available to

answer questions and run the demonstrations.

2:00–4:00 p.m. Afternoon Recreation

4:30–5:15 p.m. Pre-Dinner Conversation Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister

A Conversation with Howard Schultz

Arthur Brooks (Moderator)



5:15-5:45 p.m.

Reception

The Cloister

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Dinner

7:45-8:45 p.m.

Starlight Chats

The Cloister

#### **Baseball as Soulcraft**

George Will

Introduction: Robert Castellini

#### Gratitude

Jonah Goldberg

Introduction: Cliff Asness

#### Saturday, March 10

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Early Bird Breakfasts

Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister

#### A Conversation with Kenneth Griffin

Ramesh Ponnuru (Moderator)

#### A Conversation with National Security Advisor H. R. McMaster

Mackenzie Eaglen (Moderator)

8:45–10:15 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

Crisis in the Gulf

The Cloister

Elliott Abrams Yousef Al Otaiba Ryan Crocker Ken Pollack Ali Shihabi

Danielle Pletka (Moderator)

A new king in Saudi Arabia, a frustrated emir in the United Arab Emirates, an Iran empowered by the lifting of sanctions, conflict on the ground from Syria to Libya to Yemen and beyond, and Russian military agreements proliferating across the region. What could go wrong? A lot. American allies in the Gulfare alarmed and are reshaping both their own region and their attitudes toward their neighbors, Islamists, and the region's ancient conflicts.

#### Is the US Military Ready for the Return of History?

Mackenzie Eaglen
Martha McSally
Jimmy Panetta
Mac Thornberry
Ray Washburne
Gang Schmitt (Moder

America's post–Cold War hiatus from history is over, as the Pentagon's new National Defense Strategy makes clear. Great power competition is now Washington's primary strategic concern. But is the US military ready to fight and win potential conflicts against revisionist states? How should Congress resource and oversee the institutions of national security as

Gary Schmitt (Moderator) they retool for a newly complex world order?

#### President Trump's First Year: Has His Economic Policy Been a Success?

Doug Elmendorf Glenn Hubbard Justin Muzinich Richard Scott Gene Sperling Michael Strain The effort to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act failed, but tax reform was signed into law. How should we judge the state of health and tax policy? And what does the coming year hold for infrastructure,

immigration, and welfare reform?

Ramesh Ponnuru (Moderator)

#### The Rise of the Machines

Erik Brynjolfsson Tyler Cowen Eric Hanushek Ben Sasse

James Pethokoukis (Moderator)

Will the robots take our jobs? As technology advances, will human workers become obsolete? ATMs, automated checkout machines, and your Outlook calendar all suggest cause for concern. The standard answer is that all technology was once new technology and that businesses have always employed human beings. But will this time be different? And how should policy respond?

3:30-5:00 p.m.



10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

General Session

Is Democracy in Crisis?

The Cloister Ballroom

Ted Cruz Martin Feldstein Niall Ferguson Michael Gove Danielle Pletka Michael Strain

For the 12th year in a row, democratic freedoms are receding around the world. Polling data reveal alarming declines in support for representative democracy at home and abroad. And both populism and nationalism, often tinged with authoritarian sympathies, are resurgent. Has democracy exhausted itself? Or do ascendant political attitudes merely constitute a bubble, soon to burst?

Lawrence Summers George Will

Chuck Todd (Moderator)

12:15-1:45 p.m.

Luncheon The Beach Club

**A Conversation with Henry Kissinger** 

Danielle Pletka (Moderator)

2:00-3:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions The Cloister

Is 3 Percent Growth a Pipe Dream?

Robert Barro Martin Feldstein Glenn Hubbard Lawrence Summers Mark Zandi

What is the current state of the US and international economies? How should the Federal Reserve respond? Will the Trump administration's economic policies increase economic growth, productivity, and wages?

Under the watchful eye of the international community, young Kim Jong

Will we get to sustained 3 percent growth?

Stan Veuger (Moderator)

#### The North Korean Threat: Is There a Solution?

Nick Eberstadt Richard Ellings Oriana Skylar Mastro David Maxwell

Un has advanced both North Korea's nuclear weapons program and its missile delivery capabilities. Those who wonder at the gravity of the threat need only see that the People's Republic of China has signed up to the United Nations Security Council's imposed sanctions on Pyong-Dan Blumenthal (Moderator) yang. No one wants nuclear war. And harsh punishments seem to have

little impact. Should the world give up on a nuke-free North Korea? Or can Kim Jong Un be compelled to surrender his nuclear arsenal?

#### Securing and Growing Our Digital Future

John Cornyn Jeb Hensarling Kevin McCarthy Fred Upton lames Pethokoukis (Moderator)

How do we secure our digital future? Especially in key sectors such as financial services, this is a critical question. But our efforts to protect information must not stifle growth in digital services and the innovations and improvements that come with it. How do we strike this balance? And how do we ensure that broader federal regulations are crafted in a way that allows the digital sector to flourish? Join our panel of distinguished members of Congress to discuss these important issues.

When the Kids Do Not Grow Up: Is Prolonged Adolescence a Threat to America's Future?

Karlyn Bowman Thomas Edsall Jonah Goldberg Ben Sasse

Teenagers today are more depressed and lonely than ever before. Suicide is at an all-time high. Growing numbers of young people view democracy and free enterprise skeptically. Millennials seem to care less about family and faith than their parents and grandparents did. How much should we worry about these trends? Are there other positive trends that balance them out and give us hope?

Naomi Schaefer Riley Ryan Streeter (Moderator)

Afternoon Recreation

4:00-5:00 p.m. Afternoon Session Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister

Populism and Conservatism in the 21st Century

. D. Vance

Introduction: Ryan Streeter

5:30-6:00 p.m.

Reception

The Cloister

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Dinner Conversation

Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister

A Conversation with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell

Arthur Brooks (Moderator)

7:15-8:45 p.m.

Dinner

9:00-10:00 p.m.

Starlight Chat

The Cloister Ballroom

From Strength to Strength: Finding Happiness and Success at Every Stage of Life

Arthur Brooks

Introduction: Daniel A. D'Aniello

#### Sunday, March 11

8:30-10:00 a.m.

Early Bird Breakfast

Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister

A Conversation with UN Ambassador Nikki Haley

A Conversation with Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt

Bret Baier (Moderator)

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#### PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1.	Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): The American Enterprise Institute
2.	Description of the trip: World Forum focuses on creative and forward-looking ideas in pursuit of
	independent and innovative policy solutions with real-world impact.
3.	Dates of travel: March 8-11, 2018
4.	Place of travel: Sea Island, Georgia
5.	Name and title of Senate invitees: Sen. Ben Sasse, and the attached list of invitees.
6.	I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories:
	(A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal <u>and</u> do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal <u>and</u> no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
	(B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (see question 9).
7.	I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
	I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8.	I certify that:
	The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for <i>de minimis</i> lobbyist involvement.
	The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (see question 9).

9.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)
	I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:
	(A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member officer, or employee on any segment of the trip.
	(B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).
	(C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
10.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)  If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:
11.	An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I <i>certify</i> that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hourby-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.
12.	Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:
	AEI organizes the trip and plans the agenda, while AEI scholars lead panel discussions on policy issues.
	AEI is responsible for all the logistical aspects of getting the Senator to and from the conference.
13.	Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:
	AEI is a non-profit, tax-exempt, public policy research organization. The World Forum seeks to encourage
	frank and free-ranging conversations over a number of public policy issues important to today's world. AEI
	expects the Forum to inspire ideas that expand human dignity and human potential at home and abroad.
14.	Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:
	This is the 36th year of the World Forum. Each Forum, AEI invites a number of public officials to join the
	conversation. Members from both the House and the Senate regularly attend.

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21.	Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:  Please see attached.					
22.	Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first					
	class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:					
	Commercial air travel - economy class					
23.	I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).					
24.	List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:					
	N/A					
25.	I hereby <i>certify</i> that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you <i>must</i> include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):					
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accompanying addenda, all submitted in connection with the March 8-11, 2018	trip
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#### AEI WORLD FORUM, March 8-11, Sea Island, Georgia

#### **ADDENDUM: Question 21:**

The lodging cost per day (\$448.46/night) is higher than the per diem rate of the area. Senate participants will be placed in standard rooms. Since this is a large conference, this was the lowest cost and closest to the per diem rate that AEI could secure, given the hotel's prices. The cost of meals (\$27/breakfast, \$33/lunch, \$40/dinner) reflects the catering cost charged to AEI by the hotel. Alcohol is not included. This trip was arranged without regard to congressional participation, and we verify that no special treatment was given to members in either lodging or food.



#### **Thursday, March 8**

All Day

Registration

The Colonial Lounge

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Reception

The Beach Club

6:00-6:10 p.m.

Introduction
Tully Friedman

Welcome Arthur Brooks

6:10-7:30 p.m.

Dinner

7:45-8:45 p.m.

**Evening Conversation** 

Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister

A Conversation with Steve Ballmer

Marc Thiessen (Moderator)

9:00-10:00 p.m.

Starlight Chats

The Cloister

A Conversation with Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta

John Bailey (Moderator)

A Conversation with Education Secretary Betsy DeVos

Jeb Bush (Moderator)

**How America Bounces Back** 

David Brooks

Introduction: Ramesh Ponnuru

Shuttles will run between The Cloister, Beach Club, and Ocean Villas every day between 6:45 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. For pickup from your room, dial x5701.

#### Friday, March 9

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Early Bird Breakfasts

Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister

**Local Government Policy Challenges** 

David Brooks (Moderator)

A Conversation with Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson

Robert Doar (Moderator)

A Conversation with Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross

Michael Strain (Moderator)

Stan Veuger (Moderator)

8:45–10:15 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

The Cloister

**Building Skills and the Middle Class** 

Alexander Acosta John Delaney Doug Ducey Joni Ernst David Perdue Todd Young Many are ready to abandon the "college for all" model of success in America. But technological progress and globalization are barriers to achieving a middle-class life without attending college. How can public policy help people build the 21st-century skills necessary to enter the middle class? How can policy encourage participation in the workforce more broadly? What are the barriers and opportunities? Members of Congress who are on the front lines of this discussion will explore these

issues and more.

#### The New Empire Builders: China, Iran, and Russia

Dan Blumenthal Mike Gallagher Michael Gove Gary Schmitt After World War II, there was the Cold War, then the unipolar US-led world. Now is the era of the rise of the revisionist powers—China, Iran, and Russia. Once great empires, these nations are led by imperial nostal-gics bent not simply on accumulating power and wealth for themselves but also in changing the balance of power across the globe. Can they

Niall Ferguson (Moderator) but also in changing the bal succeed? They already are.



#### Who Escapes Poverty, Opioid Addiction, and Bad Neighborhoods?

Mike Lee Rob Portman Sally Satel I. D. Vance

Robert Doar (Moderator)

Many large and small communities across the country struggle with poverty, drug abuse, deteriorating neighborhoods, and failing schools. Yet some people manage to escape those conditions and move up the American ladder of prosperity. How do they do it when so many others do not? What lessons can we learn for better culture and policy?

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

General Session The Cloister Ballroom

2017: The Best Year in Human History?

Elliott Abrams Tyler Cowen Nick Eberstadt Phil Gramm Glenn Hubbard Sajid Javid Frederick Kagan Gene Sperling . D. Vance

Several narratives compete today about the state of the world. To believe the headlines is to believe that the world is on the brink of war and economic collapse and that misery is inexorably on the rise. Meanwhile, the numbers tell a different story: Fewer are hungry, fewer are dying of disease, literacy is on the upswing, more people are rising out of poverty, and there is more opportunity for all. At the same time, we see a menacing North Korea, waves of disease and famine across the Horn of Africa, and millions of refugees, more than at any time since

World War II. Is the world improving or getting worse?

Paul Gigot (Moderator)

12:15-1:30 p.m. The Beach Club Luncheon

A Conversation with House Speaker Paul Ryan

Arthur Brooks (Moderator)

2:00-3:15 p.m. Afternoon Sessions The Cloister

Big Tech: Friend or Foe?

Erik Brynjolfsson Bill Kristol Eric Schmidt Michael Strain James Pethokoukis (Moderator)

Should we break up Big Tech? Have major tech firms become monopolies that require antitrust action? Have they become a threat to our culture, pushing young people out of the real world and into a virtual one? Are tech companies misusing brain science to hook you on their product? Is privacy dead, and are tech companies a threat to our democracy? Or is Big Tech one of the only bright spots in the US economy,

fueling a revolution that will make all people better off?

#### A Conversation with Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao

Karlyn Bowman (Moderator)

2:00-4:00 p.m. Afternoon Session Ocean Room, The Beach Club

Sci-Fi Weapons That Actually Exist Today: An Interactive Session on the Future of Warfare

Evan Hunt Aaron Martin Stephen Mueller Mark Mulqueen

today. Join us to talk about how cutting-edge weaponry works, learn what it can do, and see the future of warfare. This is a show-and-tell

Mackenzie Eaglen (Moderator) Gary Schmitt (Moderator)

session that your second-grade teacher could never have imagined. Participants will gain hands-on experience with some of the newest defense technology, including the opportunity to test out Lockheed Martin's F-35 Joint Strike Fighter jet simulator and learn how to fly one of the most advanced planes in the US military. Experts from Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, and Raytheon will be available to

Lasers, artificial intelligence, sound waves, and directed energy: the

future? The latest Terminator flick? Nope. These are the weapons of

answer questions and run the demonstrations.

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Afternoon Recreation

4:30-5:15 p.m.

Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister Pre-Dinner Conversation

A Conversation with Howard Schultz

Arthur Brooks (Moderator)

### **MENORLD FORUM**

5:15-5:45 p.m.

Reception

The Cloister

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Dinner

7:45-8:45 p.m.

Starlight Chats

The Cloister

**Baseball as Soulcraft** 

George Will

Introduction: Robert Castellini

Gratitude

Jonah Goldberg

Introduction: Cliff Asness

#### Saturday, March 10

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Early Bird Breakfasts

Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister

A Conversation with Kenneth Griffin

Ramesh Ponnuru (Moderator)

A Conversation with National Security Advisor H. R. McMaster

Mackenzie Eaglen (Moderator)

8:45–10:15 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

The Cloister

**Crisis in the Gulf** 

Elliott Abrams Yousef Al Otaiba Ryan Crocker Ken Pollack Ali Shihabi

Danielle Pletka (Moderator)

A new king in Saudi Arabia, a frustrated emir in the United Arab Emirates, an Iran empowered by the lifting of sanctions, conflict on the ground from Syria to Libya to Yemen and beyond, and Russian military agreements proliferating across the region. What could go wrong? A lot. American allies in the Gulfare alarmed and are reshaping both their own region and their attitudes toward their neighbors, Islamists, and the region's ancient conflicts.

#### Is the US Military Ready for the Return of History?

Mackenzie Eaglen Martha McSally Jimmy Panetta Mac Thornberry Ray Washburne Gary Schmitt (Moderator)

America's post-Cold War hiatus from history is over, as the Pentagon's new National Defense Strategy makes clear. Great power competition is now Washington's primary strategic concern. But is the US military ready to fight and win potential conflicts against revisionist states? How should Congress resource and oversee the institutions of national security as they retool for a newly complex world order?

#### President Trump's First Year: Has His Economic Policy Been a Success?

Doug Elmendorf Glenn Hubbard Justin Muzinich Richard Scott Gene Sperling Michael Strain

The effort to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act failed, but tax reform was signed into law. How should we judge the state of health and tax policy? And what does the coming year hold for infrastructure,

immigration, and welfare reform?

Ramesh Ponnuru (Moderator)

#### The Rise of the Machines

Erik Brynjolfsson Tyler Cowen Eric Hanushek Ben Sasse

workers become obsolete? ATMs, automated checkout machines, and your Outlook calendar all suggest cause for concern. The standard answer is that all technology was once new technology and that businesses have always employed human beings. But will this time be

Will the robots take our jobs? As technology advances, will human

James Pethokoukis (Moderator) different? And how should policy respond?

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

General Session

The Cloister Ballroom

Is Democracy in Crisis?

Ted Cruz Martin Feldstein Niall Ferguson Michael Gove Danielle Pletka Michael Strain

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Lawrence Summers George Will

Chuck Todd (Moderator)

For the 12th year in a row, democratic freedoms are receding around the world. Polling data reveal alarming declines in support for representative democracy at home and abroad. And both populism and nationalism, often tinged with authoritarian sympathies, are resurgent. Has democracy exhausted itself? Or do ascendant political attitudes

merely constitute a bubble, soon to burst?

12:15-1:45 p.m.

Luncheon

The Beach Club

**A Conversation with Henry Kissinger** 

Danielle Pletka (Moderator)

2:00-3:15 p.m.

**Breakout Sessions** 

The Cloister

is 3 Percent Growth a Pipe Dream?

Robert Barro Martin Feldstein Glenn Hubbard Lawrence Summers

Mark Zandi

Stan Veuger (Moderator)

What is the current state of the US and international economies? How should the Federal Reserve respond? Will the Trump administration's economic policies increase economic growth, productivity, and wages?

Will we get to sustained 3 percent growth?

#### The North Korean Threat: Is There a Solution?

Nick Eberstadt Richard Ellings Oriana Skylar Mastro David Maxwell

Dan Blumenthal (Moderator)

Under the watchful eye of the international community, young Kim Jong Un has advanced both North Korea's nuclear weapons program and its missile delivery capabilities. Those who wonder at the gravity of the threat need only see that the People's Republic of China has signed up to the United Nations Security Council's imposed sanctions on Pyongyang. No one wants nuclear war. And harsh punishments seem to have little impact. Should the world give up on a nuke-free North Korea? Or can Kim Jong Un be compelled to surrender his nuclear arsenal?

#### **Securing and Growing Our Digital Future**

John Cornyn Jeb Hensarling Kevin McCarthy Fred Upton

James Pethokoukis (Moderator)

How do we secure our digital future? Especially in key sectors such as financial services, this is a critical question. But our efforts to protect information must not stifle growth in digital services and the innovations and improvements that come with it. How do we strike this balance? And how do we ensure that broader federal regulations are crafted in a way that allows the digital sector to flourish? Join our panel of distinguished members of Congress to discuss these important issues.

#### When the Kids Do Not Grow Up: Is Prolonged Adolescence a Threat to America's Future?

Karlyn Bowman Thomas Edsall Jonah Goldberg Ben Sasse

Naomi Schaefer Riley Ryan Streeter (Moderator) Teenagers today are more depressed and lonely than ever before. Suicide is at an all-time high. Growing numbers of young people view democracy and free enterprise skeptically. Millennials seem to care less about family and faith than their parents and grandparents did. How much should we worry about these trends? Are there other positive trends that balance them out and give us hope?

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Afternoon Recreation

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Afternoon Session Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister

Populism and Conservatism in the 21st Century

J. D. Vance

Introduction: Ryan Streeter

#### **2018** AGENDA

5:30-6:00 p.m.

Reception

The Cloister

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Dinner Conversation

Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister

A Conversation with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell

Arthur Brooks (Moderator)

7:15-8:45 p.m.

Dinner

9:00-10:00 p.m.

Starlight Chat

The Cloister Ballroom

From Strength to Strength: Finding Happiness and Success at Every Stage of Life

Arthur Brooks

Introduction: Daniel A. D'Aniello

#### Sunday, March 11

8:30-10:00 a.m.

Early Bird Breakfast

Mizner Ballroom, The Cloister

A Conversation with UN Ambassador Nikki Haley

A Conversation with Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt

Bret Baier (Moderator)

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Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 2:51 PM

To: Peer, Sarah (Sasse); Shirley, Raven (Sasse)

Subject: Invitation: 2018 American Enterprise Institute World Forum

Attachments: 2018 AEI World Forum Invitation Packet, Sasse.pdf

#### Good afternoon Sarah and Raven,

I am writing to follow up on an invitation from Arthur Brooks to Senator Sasse to attend the 2018 American Enterprise Institute World Forum March 8-11, 2018, at Sea Island, Georgia. The AEI World Forum is an annual event held completely off-the-record and attracts top business and financial executives and entrepreneurs, as well as distinguished statesmen, scholars, and military leaders from around the world. The goal of the World Forum is to encourage frank and free-ranging discussions on a wide variety of topics. Attached is an invitation packet that includes some additional background information, a list of past participants, a sample agenda from the 2017 forum, and all details currently available for this year's conference.

We sincerely hope Senator Sasse is able to join us again for the World Forum this March. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thank you, Bailey



July 21, 2017

The Honorable Benjamin E. Sasse Senator for Nebraska US Senate 136 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-2709

Dear Ben:

I am writing to invite you to participate in the American Enterprise Institute's World Forum, which will be held March 8–11, 2018 at Sea Island, Georgia.

For the past three decades, the World Forum has brought together many of the world's most eminent business leaders, policymakers, and scholars to discuss and develop solutions to complex problems in economics, foreign affairs, and domestic policy. Many of our guests describe it as the most important gathering of the year in the realm of politics and policy.

The 2018 Forum's off-the-record discussions will be candid, timely, and deeply substantive. The enclosed program highlights the breadth of distinguished government, media, and academic leaders from around the world who contributed to the conversation last year.

Your participation as a speaker would add a valuable perspective to our discussions and our pursuit of a better, safer, and more prosperous world. We want to bring the best minds together for our upcoming Forum, and I hope you will seriously consider joining us in March. Specific information on your participation as a speaker will be provided closer to the date of the Forum.

If you would like more information about the 2018 AEI World Forum, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202.419.5213 or arthur.brooks@aei.org.

Warm regards,

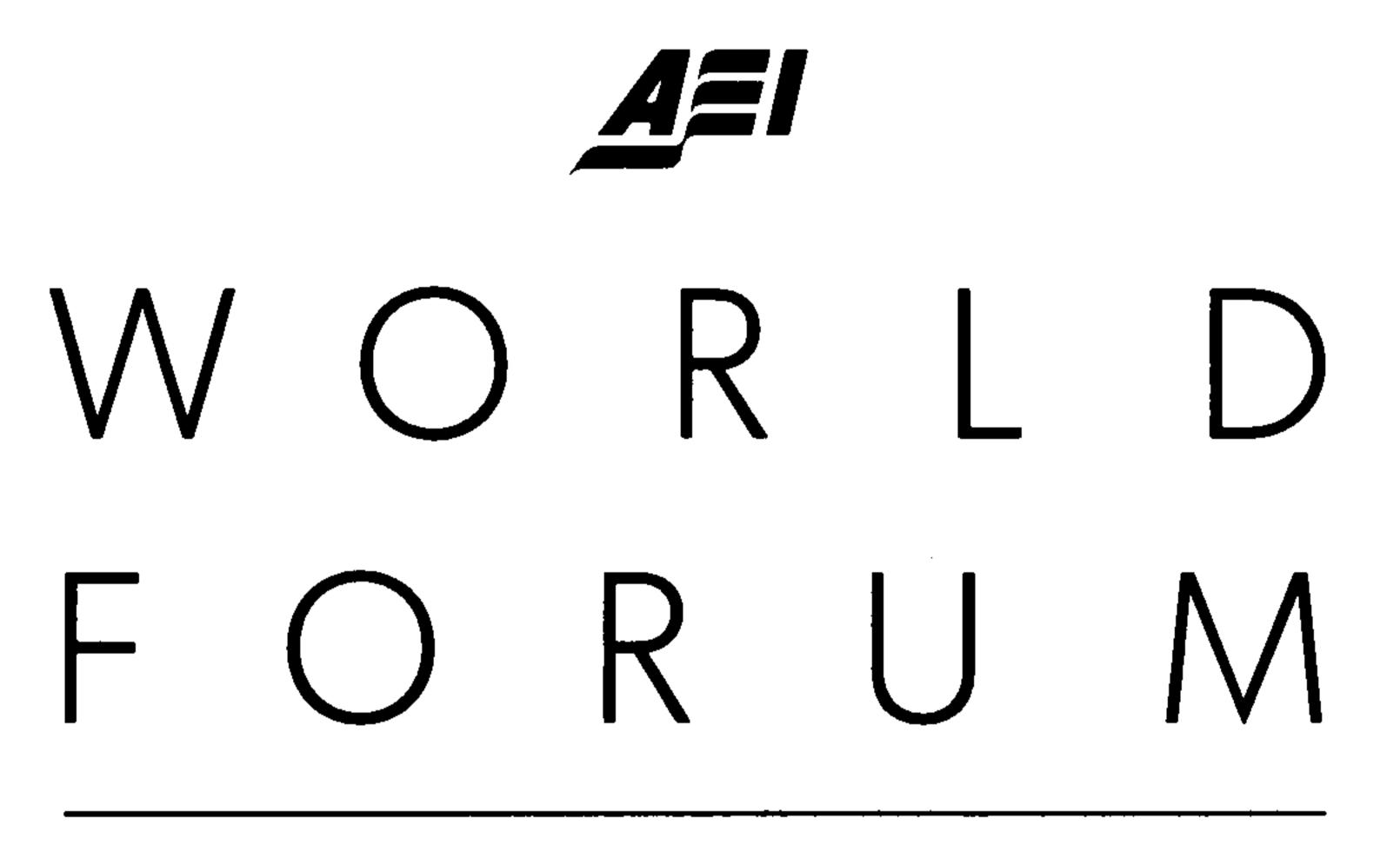
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SEA ISLAND, GEORGIA

### 2018 AEI World Forum



AEI's 2018 World Forum will address the challenges that the United States and its allies face in economics, security, and social welfare. The annual event is completely off-the-record and attracts top business and financial executives and entrepreneurs, as well as distinguished statesmen, scholars, and military leaders from around the world. Discussions of varying size are carefully structured to be candid, provocative, and informative. A premium is placed on lively debate, contrarian thinking, and solutions-oriented discussion.

Unencumbered by political or special interests, as always, the Forum focuses on creative and forward-looking ideas in pursuit of independent and innovative solutions with real-world impact. AEI expects the World Forum to inspire ideas that expand human dignity and human potential at home and abroad. The mix of participants' knowledge, experience, savvy, and talent makes the World Forum a unique venue for insight and intelligence unavailable at any other gathering.

The event, held annually at The Cloister on Sea Island, Georgia, is a private event for the purpose of encouraging a frank and free-ranging competition of ideas. Ample time is reserved for social events, sports and recreation, and private meetings.

Spouses and significant others are encouraged to attend and participate in the Forum's discussions.

### The 2018 World Forum agenda is currently in development. As an example, the 2017 agenda and participant list follow.



From March 8 to 11, 2018, all of Sea Island will be devoted to the AEI World Forum.

Located along five miles of private beach on the Atlantic coast, Sea Island has served as an unrivaled luxury resort and vacation and meeting destination since 1928.

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Sea Island is located halfway between Savannah, Georgia, and Jacksonville, Florida, and is approximately a one-hour drive from both cities' international airports.



## **Seminar Program**

### Wednesday, March 8

5:30-6:00 p.m.

Reception

Rainbow Island

6:00-7:45 p.m.

Dinner

Rainbow Island

8:00-9:30 p.m.

Seminar Session

The Cloister

Is the Pax Americana Sustainable? The View from Ancient Rome

Barry Strauss

Introduction: Danielle Pletka

What is the future of American superpower? A new government at home and new challenges abroad make that the question of the day, and we will make better policy decisions \ \ \frac{1}{122} \ \frac{1}{12} \ \left{100k backward—at } the Roman Empire. The US profits immeasurably from its global power, but  $\vec{v}_{ij}$  face  $\vec{z}_{ij}$  So did the Romans, who spoke of having "empire without end" but discovered that ever le erpower has to pick and choose its commitments. The Romans offer a lesson in alliang finance, meio because, at their best, they stretched a small army's capability by making respect a feet we multiplied and had been been balfway. Finally, they also offer a lesson for an age of immigration arional divisions is sity: once you conquer the world, the world will change you as much as you change in a noting ge so

### Thursday, March 9

8:00-10:00 a.m.

Breakfast and Seminar Session

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Can the Government Make You Happiness

Angus Deaton

Introduction: Michael Strain

Scholars have studied happine. Ifor millennia and there has recently been renewed interest among social scientists. We now have an enority bus body / data on human happiness. But what does it mean? Might happiness be a better happy? Do people know what makes them happy, or  $\partial_{x} = \partial_{y} \partial_{y}$ do better? In choosing a harrier, whether to have kids, where to live, or even a religion? Should happiness measures  $g(\mathbf{r})$ e policy on verty, income inequality, or health care? Happiness research is a forum in which phospic by, politics, conomics, and measurement collide.

10:15–11:45 a.m.

Breakout Semil, Irs

The Cloister

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Up frò. Decline: The Coming Whig Restoration?

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The par of national decline has affected English-speaking peoples for generations; this is hardly the first tim $^{\prime\prime}$  Americans have regarded their fellow citizens as "deplorables" or vowed to "make America great."  $\frac{1}{100}$  lebel, the temptations of declinism are a siren song for Tory—as opposed to Progressive or Whig—historians, one that has been especially powerful since World War I. The seminar will examine the roots of Tory declinism, then contrast it with the spirit that has animated the periodic revivals of the Anglo-American project, beginning with its creation in the Elizabethan era. We will conclude by charting four Whig Restorations—the Glorious Revolution of 1688, the American Revolution, the American Civil War (frequently described as the Second American Revolution), and the creation of the post–World War II international system—and asking what a future Whig Restoration, a true American revival, might be like.

10:15-11:45 a.m.

#### Well-Being: Political and Personal Implications of Positive Psychology

Martin Seligman

Trying to fix what is wrong all too often trumps building what is right as a personal and political goal. This is an increasingly disastrous policy for prosperous nations and prosperous families. Positive Psychology measures and builds the elements of well-being: PERMA (Positive Emotion, Engagement, Relationships, Meaning, and Accomplishment). This seminar will review the very curvilinear relationship of money to PERMA. (It's not the economy, stupid.) Building well-being, rather than remediation and victimology, is a new and refreshing political vision for our nation, and it is an urgent personal goal for prosperous people, particularly as we near retirement.

Noon-2:00 p.m.

Lunch and Seminar Session

The Cloister

#### **The New Moral Culture Transforming American Universities**

Jonathan Haidt

Introduction: Arthur Brooks

You have seen the newspaper stories about college students requesting "safe spaces" and, "trigger warnings" and objecting to yoga as a form of "cultural appropriation." What on earth is happening on campus? This seminar will explain the moral logic of this new attitude spreading widely on elite residential universities in English-speaking countries (but not spreading much elsewhere). It will show how this new morality, based on new notions of "safety," emerged from six different trends that began as far back as the 1970s, including rising prosperity, political polarization, social media, and federal education policies.

2:15-4:00 p.m.

**Breakout Seminars** 

The Cloister.

Please select one from the options below:

### Constitutional Structures and Civic Virtues

Robert P. George

The presentation and discussion will address the question: How was our Constitution designed to protect liberty and prevent tyranny? Attention will be given to the structural constraints the Constitution places on political power and the ways in which the principles and institutions of federalism and the separation of powers function in our system of republican government. We will then turn to the question of whether the system is intended to eliminate the need for virtue in the people or whether, on the contrary, it presupposes and requires a reasonably virtuous citizenry. If the latter, how are essential civic virtues cultivated and maintained?

### Not Capital, Not Institutions, Not Exploitation, but (Liberal) Ideas Made the Modern World

Deirdre McCloskey

When places adopt betterment tested in markets, they become astonishingly rich, astonishingly quickly. Thus of course Hong Kong—but now China and soon India, and historically speaking the Netherlands, Britain, and the US. Why? Is it capital accumulation? Imperial exploitation? Good institutions? No. Some of these are necessary, but commonplace. What caused the modern world was "liberalism" properly defined—Adam Smith's "liberal plan of equality, liberty, and justice." It inspirited masses of people to have a go.

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Free time before the World Forum Opening Reception

## A WORLD FORUM

### Thursday, March 9

All Day

Registration

The Cloister

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Reception

The Beach Club

6:30-6:45 p.m.

Introduction
Tully Friedman

Welcome Arthur Brooks

7:15-8:15 p.m.

Dinner

The Beach Club

8:30-9:30 p.m.

Starlight Chats

The Cloister

Happiness Is Not Enough: Why a Joyful Life Is Better

David Brooks

Introduction: Charles Murray

History Is Back—and This Time It's Personal

Jonah Goldberg

Introduction: Ramesh Ponnuru

### Friday, March 10

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Early Bird Breakfasts

The Çloister

Please select one from the options below.

Results-Driven Charity: How to Empower the Most Vulnerable Among Us

John Arnold
Laura Arnold
George Roberts
Linnea Roberts
Robert Doar (moderator)

A Conversation About How to Cover Politics

James Bennet Paul Gigot

Introduction: Bill Kristol

8:45-10:15 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

The Cloister

'Islàmism: ISIS, al Qaeda, and the Grip of Extremism on the Muslim Mind

Yousef Al Otaiba Shadi Hamid Bruce Hoffman Graeme Wood Even as we fight ISIS, al Qaeda and associated groups are spreading. Where are they? And what explains the grip these Islamist extremists have on the peoples of the Middle East? Is it Islam or something deeper?

Frederick Kagan (moderator)

Making Incomes Grow Again

Martin Feldstein Jason Furman Glenn Hubbard Gene Sperling Kevin Warsh Mark Zandi

James Pethokoukis (moderator)

Overall economic growth is slow, along with household income growth. The mysterious decline in productivity growth is a major threat to long-term prosperity. The Fed has taken extraordinary measures to help the economy, but the effectiveness of monetary policy remains in doubt. What is the cause of this malaise? Can Congress speed up productivity and income growth? Is monetary policy tapped out—or, even worse, counterproductive? Is slow growth a reality of the 21st century that policy cannot effectively address, or can policy put the economy on a better course?



8:45-10:15 a.m.

#### Russian Information Warfare: The Weaponization of Fake News and Hacks

Conversation: Leon Aron and Mikhail Khodorkovsky

Scott Carpenter Michael Hayden Andrei Soldatov Leon Aron (moderator) Russian interference in the US presidential election illustrated that hacks and fake news can erode the legitimacy of Western democracies and undermine the post-WWII world order. How potent are the Kremlin's cyber tools? How can the US and its allies deter future cyberattacks and meddling in their internal politics? Mikhail Khodorkovsky, Russia's most famous political prisoner and founder of Open Russia, will open the

discussion with his insights on the Putin regime.

#### **Success Without College**

Doug Ducey Eric Greitens Michael Strain Stan Veuger Eckart von Klaeden Andrew Smarick (moderator)

Why do we insist that all young people go to college when so many promising career paths do not require a four-year degree? We have saddled millions of young adults with college debt to pay for an education the market does not reward. This panel will rethink our approach to technical and other skills-based models of education and offer new ideas for reforming higher education into a dynamic system that offers

more Americans promising professional options.

10:30 a.m.-Noon

General Session

The Cloister Ballroom

The New Populism: At Home and Abroad

Debate: David Brooks vs. Michael Gove Robert Barro

A new era of populism is sweeping the globe. Why? Is this good news? Bad news? What are the economic, diplomatic, and societal conse-John Bolton guençes? Is this an anomaly or the new normal? Where will we see the Phil Gramm next populist revolt?

George Osborne Gene Sperling

Stan Veuger

Danielle Pletka and Michael Strain (moderators)

12:15-1:45 p.m.

Luncheon

The Beach Club

A Conversation with Mark Zuckerberg

Interviewer: Arthur Brooks

2:00-3:15 p.m.

Afternoon Sessions

The Cloister

Please select one from the options below:

A'Conversation with Eric Schmidt

Intervièwer: James Bennet

Automation, machine learning, and artificial intelligence offer exciting frontiers for improving the human experience—and have the potential to upend the labor market and dislocate millions of workers. How is technology remaking the world of work?

Trade, China, and the Outlook for Trump Administration Policy:

A Conversation with Peter Navarro and Derek Scissors Moderated by Dan Blumenthal

Donald Trump pledged to dramatically transform US trade policy as part of revitalizing American manufacturing. Much of the debate about this shift in strategy has centered on China. Is the trade deficit with China detrimental to the US economy? Is Chinese currency manipulation a concern? More generally, how will the Trump administration approach China, a security competitor and key trading partner?

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Afternoon Recreation

5:00-5:30 p.m.

Reception

The Cloister

Dinner Conversation 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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A Conversation with Michael R. Bloomberg

Interviewer: Robert Doar



6:45-8:15 p.m.

Dinner

The Cloister

8:30-9:30 p.m.

Starlight Chats

The Cloister

Feeling Good vs. Doing Good: How Not to Waste Trillions to Make the World Better

Bjorn Lomborg

Introduction: Marc Thiessen

The Existential Challenge Facing America's Elites

Charles Murray

Introduction: George Will

### Saturday, March 11

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Early Bird Breakfasts

The Cloister

A Conversation with Jamie Dimon

Interviewer: Arthur Brooks

What the Nation Misses When Conservatism Is Missing

George Will

Introduction: Mitch McConnell

8:45-10:15 a.m.

**Breakout Sessions** 

The Cloister-

Congress and the States: Policy Challenges at Home.

Susan Collins John Delaney Virginia Foxx

Cathy McMorris Rodgers

Jimmy Panetta David Perdue Scott Walker

Ryan Streeter (moderator)

Better domestic policy is needed to tackle America's complex challenges. Transportation, infrastructure development, education, and care for the disabled are just a few. In an era of globalization and technological change, how can we ensure our domestic workforce is prepared and able to thrive? How can Congress and the president make the economy work again for average Americans and create more opportunity for all? Join us for a discussion with elected leaders to learn what is happening in Congress and the states on these important issues.

The Future of Dodd-Frank and Financial Regulation

Phil Gramm' Jeb Hensarling Glenn Hubbard George Osborne

Petèr Wallison V Kevin Hassett (moderator) The Trump administration has taken steps to roll back Obama-era financial regulations, including a measure aimed directly at the Dodd-Frank Act. What is the future of Dodd-Frank? And of financial regulation on the whole?

#### Is America's Foreign Policy in Crisis?

Joni Ernst
Mike Gallagher
Adam Kinzinger
Seth Moulton
Devin Nunes
Marco Rubio
Mac Thornberry
Jon Kyl (moderator)

The postwar international order is deteriorating rapidly, and America's will and capabilities have been called into question by allies and adversaries alike. How will the Trump administration and Congress rebuild the military and repair America's alliances? Can America pursue an "America first" foreign policy while continuing to lead the world toward greater freedom and safety? Will it?

# AEI WORLD FORUM

8:45-10:15 a.m.

### Policies for Disruption: The Innovation Economy

Michael Burgess Elaine Chao Deb Fischer Cory Gardner Kevin McCarthy Fred Upton

James Pethokoukis (moderator)

We stand at the threshold of a technological revolution. Driverless cars seem to be in reach, new technologies hold the promise of revolutionizing medical care, and Silicon Valley has become synonymous with disruptive, welfare-improving innovation. But there are perils, as well as promise. Cyber threats loom large in the policy debate, and securing personal data is a major challenge for America's companies. Protecting critical infrastructure, including the US financial system, has become a major focus of government. How should public policy meet today's technological advances, ensuring their promise while mitigating their risks?

10:30 a.m.-Noon

General Session

The Cloister Ballroom

#### **America's Immigration Moment**

Karlyn Bowman Doug Ducey Nick Eberstadt Danielle Pletka Ramesh Ponnuru Mark Zandi

John Dickerson (moderator)

The topic of immigration divided the American public in multiple ways during the 2016 election. Recent events have made the issue only more volatile. One thing that most can agree on is that our immigration policy is not what it should be. Aré low-skilled immigrants depressing wages for American workers, and what should we do? Would more highskilled immigrants increase economic opportunity for more American workers? What do we need to do about the border and sanctuary cities if we are to be a nation of laws when it comes to immigration? If immigrants/pose-a-threat to national security, is the current administration's approach the right-one? Participants will discuss these and related issues in an interactive setting with the panelists and moderator.

12:15-1:45 p.m.

Luncheon

A Conversation with President George W. Bush

Moderator: Arthur Brooks

2:00-3:15 p.m.

**Breakout Sessions** 

The Future of Warfare .

T. Michael Moseley William Roper Eric Schmidt

Mackenzie Eaglen (moderator)

The Beach Club🥎

The Cloister

What once seemed like science fiction looks increasingly more like mere science. But the US government no longer has a lock on innovation as it did from the 1940s through the 1980s. As a result, across all domains of fighting and between the commercial and military sectors, innovation is happening at lightning speed. And you do not know about most of it.

Life Beyond Bars

Lisa Blunt Rochester

lohn Cornyn Mike Lee Daniel S. Loeb Stan Veuger

Gerard Robinson (moderator)

This year, more than 600,000 individuals will leave prison and return to communities across America. Almost one-third will be rearrested in their first year out, more than three-quarters in five years. But the nation's recidivism problem starts well before prisoners leave prison. Many of the 2.3 million behind bars today lack a high school diploma: Even fewer have a postsecondary degree or occupational certificate. They are more familiar with navigating the criminal justice system than the world of work and achievement. This panel will look at what works to improve economic prospects for returning citizens and the well-being of the families waiting

for their return.

**Escaping Poverty** 

Angus Deaton Robert Doar Deidre McCloskey Michael Strain Scott Walker lames Pethokoukis (moderator)

The most successful effort to alleviate poverty in human history has been underway slowly, over centuries. This effort is not a government spurred by culture. How did Europe lift itself up from poverty centuries ago? How are China, India, and Africa lifting themselves up from poverty today? By what process is sustainable, long-term wealth and enrichment created? And what lessons can we learn from this to apply to public policy in America today?

program or charitable mission. It is, instead, the liberalization of markets

## AE WORLD FORUM

2:00-3:15 p.m. **President Trump and the Future of Economic Policy** 

Scott Gottlieb

Kevin Hassett Paul Ryan Gene Sperling President Trump has promised sweeping changes to US economic policy. How are those changes progressing? Now that the president is in office, what does the future hold for the Affordable Care Act's replacement and tax reform? Hear from key members of Congress.

Greg Walden

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Life Lessons from the World's Greatest Composers

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**The Future of the Court** 

John Cornyn Jeff Flake Lindsey Graham Ben Sasse

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Procedural questions in the Senate have created turmoil around Supréme Court confirmations. In President Obama's last year in office, the Senate did not confirm his final nominee. In his first month in office, President Trump has nominated a jurist in Neil Gorsuch, who many conservatives believe is a worthy successor to the late Justice Scalia. Given the new confirmation environment, what is the future of the Court? And what should we expect from President Trump's future nominations to the federal bench?

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